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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Joshua:

I sincerely appreciate both your visit to the Laboratory and your letter of December 18th concerning your idea relating to ion pairs for propulsion methods for space vehicles. With this letter, I am returning a copy of your description acknowledging my understanding of the principle. Although much remains to be done to ascertain the usefulness of the idea, one can never tell at what embryonic stage a concept becomes of paramount importance.

Since you referred to Varian's interest in such matters, I am taking the liberty of discussing your idea with one or two of my close associates at Varian who may be able to contribute something further to this matter. Also, as I mentioned to you during our visit, I would like to arrange a meeting between you and two or three Varian people who would like to meet you in any case to discuss some of these ideas further.

With best wishes,



E. L. Ginzton

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